

# Kettle Moraine State Forest Northern Unit



## 2016 Autumn Programs

Welcome to the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit, a unit of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve. The Kettle Moraine is internationally known for its famous glacial landforms and fascinating diversity of plants and animals. We encourage you to stop in at the Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center to learn more about our glacial past and to plan your stay in the Kettle Moraine.

Throughout the year, the forest naturalists present a wide array of fun-filled educational programs. These programs are held at the Ice Age Visitor Center, Mauthe Lake Recreation Area, Long Lake Recreation Area, and at other spots in the forest. There are programs for all interests and age levels. Check out this brochure to find opportunities which pique your fancy. Most programs are free, but some forest locations do require a Wisconsin State Park System vehicle admission sticker. We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events. For more information about the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit or the public programs, please contact the forest staff at the following locations:



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Kettle Moraine State Forest - Northern Unit  
N1765 County Road G  
Campbellsport, WI 53010  
(262) 626-2116

Henry S. Reuss Ice Age Visitor Center  
Located half mile west of Dundee  
N2875 County Road G (not a mailing address)  
Campbellsport, WI 53010  
(920) 533-8322



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## Special Event



### Lil' Rev Family Concert

*Sponsored by Friends of the Kettle Moraine*  
September 3, 6:30-8:30 pm (Saturday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Picnic Shelter

Lil' Rev is an award-winning multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, and music-historian. His exuberant concerts are celebrations of life filled with songs, history, stories, poems, quotes, and jokes. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Ice Age Visitor Center. This evening of music is for all ages.



### Halloween Nature Hikes

October 14 and 15  
(Friday and Saturday)  
6:30-9:30 pm  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area



Come marvel at the marvelous mammals including the odiferous striped skunk, swift whitetail deer, crafty raccoon, and sneaky white-footed mouse. This is not a scary hike and is best for those over 5 years of age. Groups leave every six minutes. The last hour-long hike leaves at 8:30 pm. Before or after your hike, enjoy playing fun-filled games, making a craft to take home, or snacking by the glow of a campfire. In the event of severe weather, the event will be canceled for that night.

## Nature Storytimes

An hour of nature fun awaits 3 to 6 year olds with accompanying adults. Join us for stories, games, crafts, and songs on the first and third Thursday evenings or Friday mornings of each month. Programs held at the Ice Age Visitor Center.

### The Chirping Choir

September 1, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)  
September 2, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Who are the members of this evening choir? Listen and learn about crickets and their noisy relatives.

### 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Legs!

September 15, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)  
September 16, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center



What has eight legs? Spiders of course! Discover fascinating facts about these silk-spinning insect-eaters.

### Leaves of Many Colors

October 6, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)  
October 7, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Join us as we wander the autumn woods to find as many different colored leaves as we can. We will also solve the mystery of why trees drop their leaves in fall.

### What's For Lunch?

October 20, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)  
October 21, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

You may have a hamburger for lunch, but what do the animals eat? Find out what is on the lunch menu for the wild animals of the Kettle Moraine.

### Those Sly Foxes

November 3, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)  
November 4, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

If you are lucky, you may catch a glimpse of a shy, sly fox. Come investigate the world of these wild canines.

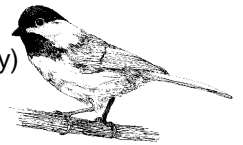
### Oh Deer!

November 17, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)  
November 18, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Deer are one of Wisconsin's largest wild animals. Learn incredible facts about this woodland creature.

### Chick-a-dee-dee-dee

December 1, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)  
December 2, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center



Always bright-eyed and full of energy, chickadees add a cheery note to any winter day. You'll be amazed by the lives these tiny birds lead.

### Forever Green

December 15, 6:00-7:00 pm (Thursday)  
December 16, 9:30-10:30 am (Friday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Forever green are the evergreens. Join us as we investigate these truly remarkable trees.

## Drop In at the Beach

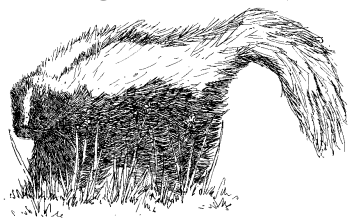
Drop in on the forest naturalists on Saturday or Sunday afternoon at the Long Lake or Mauthe Lake Recreation Area. They will have artifacts, activities, and answers to your nature and outdoor questions. Come for a few minutes or more than an hour for some nature fun. Adults are encouraged to participate with their children.

### Ssssnakes

September 3, 1:00-4:00 pm (Saturday)  
Long Lake Recreation Area South Beach  
September 4, 12:00-3:00 pm (Sunday)  
Mauthe Lake Recreation Area Beach

Slithering across the ground with their tongues flicking, snakes arouse our curiosity or sometimes our fears. Uncover truly astonishing facts about these legless reptiles and the habitats where they live to gain an appreciation of their role in nature.

## Night Hikes



### Step into the Night Hike

September 2, 8:00-9:30 pm (Friday)  
Zillmer Trails Area (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

As the sun sets and the light fades from the sky, the day animals retire and a new group of animals awakens. Bring your bug spray and sense of adventure as we explore the darkness for **nocturnal mammals**. This hike is best for families/groups with children over 5 years old.

### Winter Solstice Night Hike

December 21, 7:00-8:30 pm (Wednesday)  
Zillmer Trails Area (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

Gather around the fire as we share some traditions of the longest night of the year. We will then travel through the dark woods to discover what animals are awake and braving the cold of a winter night. This hike is best for families/groups with children over 5 years old.

## Exploring Nature Programs

Everyone is invited to participate in 1 to 2 hours of hands-on nature fun. Adults are encouraged to work with their children. These programs are best for families/groups with children ages 6 to 12 years old.

### Extreme Saturday Morning

September 3, 10:00-11:00 am (Saturday)  
Picnic Shelters at Mauthe Lake Recreation Area and Long Lake Recreation Area

Calling all youth to come explore the extremes of nature by participating in the *Wisconsin Explorers* program! The program involves completing a required number of activities in one of three age appropriate books (ages 3-5; ages 6-8; and ages 9+) to earn a very cool patch. A naturalist will help youth with activities from the books.

### Eight Legs and Silk

September 10, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Spiders are found in almost every environment on earth. Untangle cool facts about these silk spinners.

### Life Down Under

September 17, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Watch your step! A whole world exists just under our feet. Help us unearth the creatures that live down under the leaves, the grass, and the soil.



### Build Fires and Cook Outdoors

September 24, 9:30 am-12:00 pm (Saturday)  
Zillmer Trails Shelter (located off County Road SS between County Road G and Hwy 67 near New Prospect)

Learn the skills to safely build great camp and cooking fires. Once the fire is roaring, try your hand at a variety of outdoor cooking techniques to prepare tasty treats. This program is best for people over 8 years old. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by September 23 to ensure plenty of food.**

### Autumn Magic

October 1, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

We will traverse the woodlands, unveiling the magic of nature in autumn and gathering leaves and nuts for a variety of special projects.



### Wild Gobblers

October 8, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

What's our state's largest woodland bird? The wild turkey of course! After discovering all the incredible adaptations of turkeys, you'll understand why Ben Franklin suggested that the turkey might be a better national bird than the bald eagle.

### Nature's Unloved

October 22, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Discover intriguing facts about some of nature's unloved critters including bats, skunks, slugs, and spiders. You may just go away liking them or at least appreciating their role in nature.

### Predator Verses Prey

October 29, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Who will win - the predators or the prey? Explore what adaptations each possesses that help them survive.

### Whitetail Secrets

November 12, 10:00-11:30 am (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Autumn is a great time of year to look for signs of whitetail deer. We'll explore a deer's territory to uncover the secrets of these magnificent animals.

### Gifts from the Heart of Nature

December 10, 10:00 am-12:00 pm (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Come create gifts using materials from nature. We will make several crafts from ornaments and sun catchers to pressed flower note cards. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by December 9 to ensure plenty of supplies.**

## An Evening with Nature

Meet at the Ice Age Visitor Center or site listed for informative and entertaining presentations. Forest staff or guest presenters provide the programs, which are best for adults and youth over 10 years old.

### Summer Star Gazing

September 3, 8:45-11:00 pm (Saturday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center



Presenter: Northern Cross Science Foundation

Look through a telescope or binoculars to bring into focus the wonders of the night sky. With the help of experienced night sky observers, spy distant planets, dumb-bell nebulas, globular clusters, and so much more. The program will be held only if the skies are clear. Drop in any time and stay as long as you like.

### The Life of Increase Lapham

September 8, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenters: Martha Bergland and Paul Hayes, Authors  
*Studying Wisconsin: the Life of Increase Lapham*

Join Bergland and Hayes as they provide insights into the astounding life of Increase Lapham, Wisconsin's pioneer citizen-scientist, who intently studied Wisconsin from 1836 until his death in 1875. He published the very first book in the state, surveyed and mapped the effigy mounds, and lobbied for the creation of the National Weather Service. He was truly a remarkable renaissance man whose impacts still resonate today.

### Earthquakes in Wisconsin: The Dog That Didn't Bark

October 13, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: David Hart, PhD, Hydrogeologist,  
Dept. of Environmental Sciences, UW-Madison

Wisconsin has experienced 18 recorded earthquakes in the last 120 years with none measuring greater than a magnitude of four. Illinois and Missouri have experienced more and many with greater magnitudes. Join Dr. Hart as he examines why Wisconsin is so different from other regions.

### Gottfried Arboretum's Create a Winter Wreath

November 10 (Thursday)  
Session 1: 1:00-3:30 pm **OR** Session 2: 6:00-8:30 pm  
Ice Age Visitor Center

November 16 (Wednesday)  
Session 3: 1:00-3:30 pm **OR** Session 4: 6:00-8:30 pm  
Lakeside Park Pavilion in Fond du Lac

Using a variety of natural materials, create a beautiful wreath and swag that will enhance your home's winter decor. **To register for a session, call (920) 940-8869 by November 9.** Space is limited. This program is best for people over 12 years old. Cost: \$20.00/person; fee payable to the Gottfried Arboretum.

### Free-Ranging Cats: Issues and Solutions

December 8, 7:00-8:30 pm (Thursday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center

Presenter: Stanley Temple, PhD  
Professor Emeritus UW-Madison and  
Senior Fellow Aldo Leopold Foundation

Find out what researchers have uncovered about cat predation on bird and small mammal populations. Then learn how you can be a part of the solution to this incredible tragedy of nature.

## Guided Walking Meditations

Join Kimberly Gellings from the Essence Wellness Center as she leads a walking meditation with the goal of being observant and mindful of the world around you. Bring a water bottle and dress in comfortable clothes. **To register, call (920) 533-8322 by the day before hike.**

September 18, 10:00-11:00 am (Sunday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center  
Theme: radiating wholeness

October 2, 10:00-11:00 am (Sunday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center  
Theme: living kindness

October 16, 10:00-11:00 am (Sunday)  
Ice Age Visitor Center  
Theme: feeling love



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